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Inventor: Tsichlis

For: Nucleic Acid Molecule for Enhancing Gene Expression

Attorney Docket No. FCCC96-11 (840933.20033)

Dear Sir,

Enclosed for filing in connection with the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

- 1. Response To Restriction Requirement;
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2001, in which the Examiner has imposed a restriction and required restriction to one of the two groups of claims for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant elects to prosecute Group I claims (1-11 and 21-25) without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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